

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

In re:

Case No. 22-49309

KAREN VENESSA MILLINER, *pro se*,

Chapter 7

Debtor.

Judge Thomas J. Tucker

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**ORDER DENYING DEBTOR'S MOTION TO REOPEN CASE,  
BUT WAIVING MOTION FILING FEE**

This case is before the Court on the Debtor's motion, entitled "Motion to Reinstate, To Reopen, Waive Reopen Fee, and Proof of Service" filed March 27, 2024 (Docket # 21, the "Motion"). The Motion seeks to reopen the case to add a creditor to the Debtor's Schedule E/F.

The Court notes that this was a "no-asset" Chapter 7 case. As a result, it is unnecessary to reopen this case merely to enable the Debtor to amend her schedules to add a creditor who was not listed previously. Because this was a no-asset case, such an unscheduled debt is discharged to the same extent it would be discharged if it had been scheduled. *See In re Madaj*, 149 F.3d 467 (6th Cir. 1998).

Because it appears that reopening this case for the purpose stated by the Debtor's Motion would serve no useful purpose, the Motion will be denied. This Order is without prejudice to the Debtor's right to file a timely motion for reconsideration or to refile her motion if she believes that cause exists to reopen this case notwithstanding the Sixth Circuit's decision in *Madaj*, and explain what that cause is. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the Motion (Docket # 21), is denied, except that the filing fee for the Motion is waived.

Signed on March 28, 2024



/s/ Thomas J. Tucker

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Thomas J. Tucker  
United States Bankruptcy Judge